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CHAPTER XXVIII.
HE OVERHEARS TWO SAILORS
TALKING.

"I had a yarn along with Bob this morning," said one of them. "The gals sentries are made up of a fine time I've been able to speak him."

"What's he lagged for?" said another man.

"Business. I knew it 'ud happen. He growled too confident and was up with pride. He might be helped by him now, theaters and dances, he often as you see, he's a good and quids for his piece. But the gals fool must grow greedy; he takes a big handful, and now he's out to find himself. But twelve bob a week tastes too good, so every one of us tastes too, mind you, and one of us gallics highlanders to rig out. But says he ain't sorry it's over. He no longer comfortable. His piece was away. According, and threatened to split if the swag wasn't forthcoming, and damn her she stumped him, a hell, for, split she did, but not a hell, did out another cully in tow, back to Bob, you take your case. I heard him say, 'I'll take you either,' a-calling Bill Vander-

term is. The captain was burdened with enormous responsibilities; the safety of a large, valuable cargo freighted with a human life depended upon him, and his pay was perhaps less than the wages of a head waiter of a city tavern. His mates were at the mercy of the captain, who could break them if he chose, or threaten to ruin their ship, sailors' work, and ruin the lives. They lived without friendship; he was superior to the other and would not speak; the captain addressed them only on matters of ship discipline, doctor and military officers. There were three mates; two of them lived as lonely as the ship's figurehead, the third, who was a person of no account, was like a pipe in the barrel—brown or apprentices' berth, so kill time for himself.

I had not guessed that this was life of the deep when I used to look to the ocean talk of my father's friend Stepanov, or view the ships in the harbor, or see the sailors, or hear rich ladies and angry priests, sea-

"What's your opinion of Barn conversion?" said Captain Sutherland to Captain Barrett.

"My opinion is," answered the other, "that I shall give instructions for

Dinner was over in the caddy seven. The captain and militia officers went on to the poop to smoke and I carried coffee to them, while Frank waited upon Mr. Bates and his brother mate. The doctor, who

seem to be watching us. I have settled it thus: On our arrival I will take steps to qualify as a landholder and you shall come to me. Leave

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The first was of tweed in a wondrous mixture of colours, none of them obtrusive, but all blending and mingling together in a delightful harmony. The skirt was of a short walking length, and just sufficient width at the foot to enable one to move with ease; several rows of machine stitching formed a neat trimm-

By the way, it is not so very many moons that nothing was too hot or too heavy in the way of abuse for the London County because that body had boldly taken "Limited" in to its title. The Cyclists Touring Club and the London Athletic Club were both registered as limited prior to the London County, but a special permit given them to drop the word. The I.A.A.F. and A.C. never attempted to secure the mit, and after all the frenzy of its opposition now have the Calford C.C., Limited, North Road C., Limited, and the Cambridge University Athletic and Boating Club.

The London County hold the first triathlon race meeting in London on August 12.

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The Thames is getting into capital order for fishing, and, with a continuance of genial weather, offers good prospect of sport among the trout. The haunts of many good fish have been spotted by the fishermen, who are all looking forward to a successful season.

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Easter tours are in full swing, and I sincerely hope that by the time these lines are published the light the weather will have become bright, and that the many parties of wheelmen at home and abroad will be having a good time of it. The numbers who go a-rolling at Easter increase each year, and without doubt bring welcome custom to many a far removed from the usual track of tourists. On all hands the desire to cater for wheelmen becomes more and more apparent, and it increases yearly as the cycling class develops in experience as well as in numbers.

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THE TWO SPEAKERS.

On Tuesday last Mr. Peel bade farewell to the House of Commons, and on the following day a successor was elected in his stead. By the retirement of Mr. Peel the House of Commons sustains a loss of which it is no exaggeration to say that, for the present at all events, it is irreparable. To say that Mr. Peel has been one of the greatest Speakers of modern times is no more than the truth; but it is also true that no Speaker of modern times has had to discharge the duties of his high office in circumstances of equal difficulty. It is always easier to carry on traditions than to create them. Mr. Peel had to do both. He was called to the chair, and he filled it during a period of stress and strain, when party passion ran high, and when a number of causes were combining to effect the greatest changes in the composition and character of the House of Commons. It was a period of transition, and of transition there is the added difficulty of intense party feeling, which found its most violent expression in the tactics of Irish obstruction. That being so, it was the duty of the new Speaker at once to maintain the old traditions of Parliament, and to modify and adapt them to suit the changed and changing conditions of the time. How successful Mr. Peel has been in this difficult and delicate task is known to all the world. But some hint of its difficulty may be found in Mr. Peel's own address to his "comrades," as he happily called them. Is it not significant that the parting words of a great Speaker should have been an earnest exhortation to the House to maintain its own dignity? We all know the high destinies to which the Popular Chamber has been called by growth of democracy; but none can discern so clearly as its president the dangers which beset its present and its future. It is much to be regretted that the Government should have made the choice of a new Speaker a party question. Against Mr. Gully we have not a word to say, and he was, undoubtedly, the best man that could be put forward on the Ministerial side of the House. But it would have been better for the House if Mr. Peel had been elected with something like unanimity instead of by a majority of only 11 on a close party vote. That the Opposition will accept the decision of the House, and will give the new Speaker their loyal support, goes without saying. But it would have been much preferable had there been no close fight over the question of Mr. Peel's succession.

THREATENING BARON DE WORMS.

At Westminster, James Slater, pavior, of Bottomgate, Blackburn, Lancashire, was summoned before Mr. De Bunsen to answer a summons charging him with threatening to publish a false and defamatory libel upon Baron De Worms, with intent to extort money. Mr. Slater appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Poland, in opening the case, stated that the libels charged against the defendant were of a singularly remarkable character. The defendant was living in humble circumstances at Blackburn, and was the son of Henry Slater, a weaver, and Mary Ann Talbot, a factory hand, who were married in 1844. In 1854 Henry Slater deserted his wife and family, and from that time to this nothing had been heard of him, except that he had emigrated to Australia. The other members of the family, including the defendant, continued to reside at Blackburn. At the end of 1893 the prosecutor came into a considerable sum of money, and this fact becoming known to the defendant through newspaper notices he commenced writing a series of letters to Baron De Worms, claiming that the Baron was his father, and that he was entitled to a share of the money. "Long lost dear father," and signing himself "Your determined son," and "Your legitimate son." Counsel said that the Baron at first treated the letters with contempt; but as the annoyance continued and some of the letters contained threats to expose the pavior to his constituents and to come to London with the same object if the writer did not receive "his just reward," these proceedings were taken. — Prosecutor deposed that he resided at Grosvenor-place, London, and Henley Park, Surrey, and was 54 years of age. In 1863 he was called to the Bar. He was now senior member for Liverpool, had been for 15 years a member of Parliament, and was also a member of the late Government. In September, 1893, he came into a considerable sum of money, and there were many newspaper paragraphs of the fact. From that time he had been annoyed by the defendant's letters. — Mr. Poland: Until you received these letters did you know that the Baron was his father? The witness: I had never heard of him. The statements that I was the husband of Mary Slater, and that the defendant was my son, are absolute fictions. I never saw the defendant till he appeared in this court. — Mr. Poland put in a large number of letters which he had referred to in his opening, reference being repeatedly made to a father of the age of three score years and ten, and to photographs which the defendant, claiming to be the Baron's son, had sent to him. — Baron Henry De Worms said that some of the letters contained threats to write an exposure to newspaper editors, &c. Before taking these proceedings every effort was made to stop the nuisance by cautioning the defendant. — Committed for trial.

LADY AND HER LAWYER.

At the Mansion House on Monday, Catherine Kempshall, 31, was charged before the Lord Mayor with wilful damage. That morning defendant deliberately broke a window in the office of a solicitor named Brandreth, in Mansion House Chambers, Queen Victoria-street. She refused, when spoken to by the steward, to go away, stating that she wanted her papers out of the office. When before the court she alleged that the solicitor had money and papers of hers in his possession and had not defended an action in which she was interested. — The Lord Mayor said, however, that might be, she had no right to break the window, and if she had any grievance against a solicitor she should communicate with the Incorporated Law Society. There was evidently more behind the case than met the eye. He fined her 1s., and 12s. the amount of the damage, or in default of payment a day's imprisonment. — Defendant was discharged on the rising of the court, that being the equivalent of a day's imprisonment.

The penny-in-the-slot machine is not such a very modern invention after all. It is an adaptation of a contrivance known and used by the priests long before the Christian era. In the British Museum there are some earthen vessels which are artfully formed so as to dribble out holy water to those who slip a certain coin—a five drachma piece—in a slot, the most ingenious way of capitalising the credulity of people.

LADY STOCKBROKER.

REMARKABLE EVIDENCE.

In the Queen's Bench on Monday, before Justice Williams, the further hearing was resumed of the motion on behalf of the trustees of Sidney Crombie, otherwise Beauclerk, who gained some notoriety a few years ago as the "infant stockbroker," to declare him entitled to certain property as being the proceeds of the profits of certain outside broking businesses carried on under the styles of "W. Freeman" and "T. Nelson," as forming part of the bankrupt's estate. — Mrs. Beauclerk was the first witness called, and stated, in reply to Mr. Reed, how she first became connected with the outside broking business of W. Freeman. In 1888, she made the acquaintance of Mr. James Kotchie, a company promoter. Her husband, having just come out of prison, was without means, and Mr. Kotchie made her presents and eventually suggested to her the starting of an outside broking business in November, 1889, as "W. Freeman." He had previously given her 4500s. with which she purchased three cottages at Manor Park. Kotchie assisted her in the business, giving her a list of clients with addresses to whom she sent her circulars, and she opened an account at the London and North-western Bank as Alice Beauclerk, trading as W. Freeman. The witness then proceeded to explain the mysteries of the "COVER" SYSTEM.

By which 410 would cover 21,000 worth of stock. If the stock went down a point the cover ran off and vice versa, unless the stock was "covered up." She looked upon it as being like the business of a bookmaker, and was at times compelled to "hedge off" if she had too much stock open. It was a perfectly easy system when it was understood, and she was a witness amidst some laughter. Her lordship did not seem to think so, and asked where the profit came in. "When the cover runs off," said the witness. The profit seemed to be so considerable that the business was moved from Bishopsgate-street, with only two or three laid clerks, to Billiter-street, where it was carried on. At the end of 1890, when the business carried on by her husband under the style of "Spencer" came to an end, she allowed him 25s. a week. Afterwards she employed him in the business. She always signed all her own cheques with the name of "W. Freeman," and she said that her health during his absence no new business was entered into. During the larger portion of this time she was buying houses and land at Manor Park. She employed a builder to build the houses. She certainly did not provide the information that the head of the business was "W. Freeman," but always saw clients herself. Mr. Reed ventured the belief that several ladies were now carrying on stock and share dealer's business; the witness said that that was so. — His Lordship: Not in the House? (Laughter.) — Mr. Reed: They have not got there yet. (Laughter.) — The witness: I was asked by Mr. Reed at the end of 1892 the business of "W. Freeman" was given up. During all this time her husband was with her as assistant with the exception of about six weeks at the end of 1891, when, owing to a quarrel over money matters, she ordered him out of the office. It was after this that she was employed at the end of a stockbroker's office in Great St. Helen's, but having no capital he was unable to do so, and she then took over the office, furnished it, and carried on business as "T. Nelson," under management. All she claimed were the businesses of "W. Freeman" and "T. Nelson." She knew of no other business, and was examined by the Solicitor-general, witness said that she and her husband were living together now, adding, laughingly, "and."

IT STILL ALLOW HIM 25s. A WEEK for pocket money. (Laughter.) — The Solicitor-general: All the advantages of a happy home and in addition 25s. a week. (Laughter.) — Witness, continuing, said that she was now carrying on business as a solicitor's company. She was in possession of a house that she had bought from the company later on. — The Solicitor-general: Has your husband any chance of being a director? (Laughter.) — None whatever. (Laughter.) — Further questioned, witness said that she declined to marry her husband without a settlement. She gave her husband the settlement of money. — The witness: After the marriage as he was pressed by creditors, and it had never been returned to her. — Questioned as to her husband's position in the business of "Freeman and Co.," witness said that he never had anything to do with the business of "W. Freeman" until the middle of 1890. It was after that time that she knew of it. 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There were 13 cases of suicide in London last week.

The Patagonians are the tallest people in the world, and the Laplanders the shortest. Russians are said to be much in favour of being buried in glass coffins.

In France there are far more female than male bicyclists.

Telescopes are now so perfect that 50,000,000 stars are visible.

Lack of physical exercise has a tendency to make school children short-sighted.

The ancient Egyptians used wooden rollers to move their huge blocks of stone.

Herr Noll, a mechanican of Berlingen, Germany, has constructed a clock warranted to run without winding up for 9,000 years.

Paris has an insurance company that refuses to issue policies on the lives of any people who use hair dye.

Amoy, China, has the distinction of being one of the dirtiest and most unhealthy cities in the world.

The women of Morocco never celebrate their birthdays, and few of them know their ages.

It is lawful for any person to kill a grave robber in China the instant he is caught in the act.

The eagle teaches self-reliance to its young. When the little eagles are able to fly they are banished from the home-nest.

Covier says a whale can live 1,000 years. The average man is supposed to live in some cases 400 years.

The engagement is announced of Lord W. Bessford to Lily, Duchess of Marlborough, widow of the eighth Duke of Marlborough.

Mr. F. Gosset has been appointed to the command of the Royal Engineers at Laver, Essex.

A portion of the reserve of the Egyptian Army will shortly go into camp near Cairo to undergo annual training.

The Canadian revenue for the nine months of the fiscal year shows a falling off of \$2,200,000,000.

Dr. Josephi believes that all the gold now found in the rocks and sand was deposited there from solution in sea water.

A wind moving at 40 miles an hour exerts a pressure of nine pounds to the square foot; at 100 miles, of 55 pounds.

On the death of a person in Madrid it is the custom for the neighbors to close for nine days all of the outer doors of that person's late residence.

Mr. D. Thomas, M.P., has given notice of a bill to "abolish the retail sale of spirits, wine, and beer by shopkeepers in England and Wales."

The Irish Customs receipts during February amounted to 11,534,453 pesetas, or 2,600,453 pesetas in excess of the amount provided for in the Budget.

The Irish Unionist members have placed on the paper 28 new clauses to the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill, which is now before the House of Commons on Law.

The theory that the stature of the present day man is smaller than that of his ancestors has no foundation in fact, according to a French scientist.

Six women were publicly whipped in England in 1776 at a cost of 15s. and in 1810, at a cost of nine shillings. The instrument of punishment was supplied by Dr. John Whipp.

Dr. J. P. Farquhar, of Aberdeen, died from terrible injuries received from a lamp accident. He intended to read himself to sleep, a lighted lamp being placed at his bedside, and the lamp, when he awoke, upset on him.

It is stated that the Khalifa was furious at the learning of Slatin Pasha's flight. He ordered Slatin's servants, and threatened to have the Sudanese who were suspected of aiding his escape.

Boatswain Renspet, of the Dreadnought, a British man-of-war, was sentenced to the Bantary Bay was found dead on April 1 in his cabin with an empty chlorodyne bottle by his side.

The Charles Mortimer Prize (for composition) was won at the Royal Academy of Music by Svyl Palliser, and the examiners congratulated him on his brilliant style. Mr. Palliser is a native of London.

An invention of value is that or means which metal and glass can be soldered, the decoration of glass, fine trellis work, tracery of copper may be soldered to glass and plated with gold, silver, or nickel. The invention, which is continually changing, it varies every second, and while average velocity may be 23 miles an hour, the course of one minute it will be at least several times.

A balloon recently sent up in Paris, equipped with self-registering thermometer, barometer, and aneroid, ascended 10,000 miles, and the thermometer recorded 110 degrees below zero.

A visitor to the Missions to Seamen Institute at Poplar has given £100 towards more complete equipment and furniture. In recognition of the social, educational, and religious work of the institute, upon sail frequenting the port of London.

It is stated that the letter which the Pope is about to address to the Roman Catholics in England on the subject of a union between the Anglican and Roman Churches, which will contain an appeal to Protestants for aid, will be published at Easter.

The Manion House bomb-blast has cut into a windfall by the death of Mr. W. Guesdon, a City man, who has under will left a sum of £49,069 to be invested in Consols in the name of "the Lord Mayor at the time being."

Representatives from the King of Comoros which is proceeding to England to make representations against the proposed British protectorate over Ashantee, has just left the Coast Castle on board the steamship *Admiral* for Liverpool.

Cammarata, during a procession in honor of the Annunziata, a well-known brigand, Valsalone, forced his way through the crowd and killed a mounted policeman, stabbing and shooting him before any could interfere. In the confusion that followed the assassin escaped.

Mr. H. Johnston, Commissioner and Controller of British Central Africa, is at present in India for the purpose of raising the Punjab a body of Sikhs for the defence and efficient administration of the important settlement with the direction of which is entrusted.

In reply to the invitation of Germany the Ottoman Navy would be represented by the *Hamidieh* (flag on the occasion of the opening of the Baltic and North Sea Coasts). The Porte has declared that the conduct of the Turkish finances does not permit of despatch of war vessels to Kiel.

The marble Washington memorial on a Washington-square, at the foot of Fifth Avenue, being now completed, will be dedicated by the Mayor of New York by a committee in charge, on April 30, the 100th anniversary of Washington's inauguration as President.

A general abstract of marriages, births, and deaths registered in England in 1894 has been issued as a Parliamentary paper. It is of the following:—Population, estimated at the end of 1894, 31,804,315; number of marriages, 226,109; number of births, 988,000 (males 452,700, females 485,542); number of deaths, 496,515 (males 255,896, females 242,619).

The Transvaal and the Free State have made a haul on the Vre State, and the latter has found to be entered for the purpose of a hiding place by a gang of Johannesburg desperadoes. Scrap worth quarter of a million and gold and silver worth 420,000 were discovered. The main

served as railway guards in order to learn how to get at the property.

The Kaiser is writing a book on military science.

The National Gallery has been opened years.

Mr. W. G. Maxwell, the new Governor of the Gold Coast, has arrived at Accra.

Mr. T. W. Russell intends to move the operation of the Local Veto Bill be extended to Ireland.

Mr. P. J. Farrell's address has been entered in the journals of the House of Commons.

An English man-of-war is expected to visit Havre out of compliment to M. Faure during his stay there.

Sir F. Broughton, whose health is much improved, will shortly start on a holiday to Gibraltar.

The second reading of the Factory Bill which it is expected, be taken on the first day which the House of Commons meets after Easter.

The anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Press Guild, to be held on the 18th of May, will have its president Sir F. Lockwood M.P., the Solicitor-general.

At Borey Tracey, the Bishop of Ely, inducted Bishop Knight Bruce, late of Mashonaland, as vicar of the parish, in connection to the late Canon Conner.

Lord Iveagh has been asked to contribute £2,500 to a special fund now being raised for the purpose of opening the five wards at St. Thomas's Hospital at present closed.

The United States Supreme Court has solved by six votes to two that an income on rents is unconstitutional, and by five to three has decided against a tax on automobile manufacturers.

There is little in the Bulwark of Times to remind one of Lobengula's old stronghold. Buildings of every description have sprung up in all directions, a good many of them being of a decidedly substantial nature.

Mr. A. W. Timbrell, Solicitor, of Victoria, has been elected to the vacant seat of William Street, and Mr. J. M. Morris has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The Court of Common Council created the death of Mr. H. Gover.

There was a rumour in the lobby of House of Commons that Sir H. Loch may come Governor of New South Wales, but that the vacant Governor of South Australia will be offered to Lord Kensington.

Count Curtapassi, Italian Ambassador at St. Petersburg, who was on his way from Bucharest to Italy with the view of restoring his health in his native land, died at Vienna. His remains were taken to Home.

A new Masonic lodge, called the Pioneers, has been opened at the West-end.

F. Knoll, a past master of the Eccles Lodge, No. 1,624, was installed as the master of the new lodge, and Mr. A. W. Booth was appointed secretary.

It will interest the gallant Sasaforts, quartered at Aldershot, to know that a Tartan dress, which was worn by the Battalion there, Those who know Highlanders their ways will know with what care reverence such relics are treasured.

The Court of Cassation at Antwerp has rejected the appeal lodged by Madame Jongs against the sentence of death passed upon her by the Assize Court, her husband, a criminal, being charged with poisoning her sister, uncle, and her brother.

Another outbreak of anthrax has occurred at Elmwell, near Driffield, on the farms of Mr. R. Hardy. One beast out of herd of 13 has died and been buried.

A similar outbreak occurred on the premises of the same farm.

While the Ostend mail packet *Prin Henrietta* was crossing to Dover, a sea steamer, name unknown, bore down, struck the *Henrietta* on the port bow, then steered straight away. The damage done was not serious, but the mail steamer was delayed.

Mr. Wildish, Civil Assistant to the Admiralty Superintendent of Devonport Dockyard, been appointed to succeed Mr. Staines, Civil Assistant to the Admiralty Superintendent at Portsmouth, and he will be replaced at Devonport by Mr. Davies, Civil Assistant Constructor in the service. Mr. Staines retired from the service.

The Admiralty have sanctioned the expenditure of £319,000 during the current year on armour-plates for the three first-battlehips now under construction at Chatham Dockyard, in the following proportions:—£99,000 for the *Magnificent*, £242,000 for the *Victorious*, and £290,000 for the *Indomitable*.

The Board of Trade have received from the Foreign Office a binocular glass which was awarded by the President of the U. States to Mr. W. Thompson, master of the steamship *Durham City*, for his heroic and courageous services in rescuing the officers and crew of the American schooner *Alice T. Broadman* on Oct. 6, 1894.

The Rev. E. N. Sharpe, vicar of St. Mark Church, Cheetham-street, Rochdale, seized with an apoplectic fit, and died suddenly. For some time he had been suffering from a fatal ailment, but lately he appeared to improve, and on the 5th visited his parish. His demise will be a sad loss to his widow and family.

In connection with the provision made the new Education Code of 1895 for the practice of physical training, the elementary schools attending to the elementary schools, the Education Department has ruled expenditure on football, skipping-rope, and other adjuncts to suitable games will be considered legitimate application of the funds of the school.

In the three months of this year, ending 31st ult., the number of aliens arriving from the continent at ports in the United Kingdom was 13,593, of whom 6,555 were stated to be en route to America, and were en route to America. The total for the corresponding period of last year was 13,639, comprising 8,383 who were not stated to be proceeding to America, and 5,256 who were stated to be proceeding to America.

The Mayor has remitted to the Corporation of Dartmouth, Lord-lieutenant of Devonshire, £2,121 11s. 10d., being the net of the appeal recently made from the House for the relief of the widow, whose dependent relatives of the late Lord-lieutenant of Devonshire, the Duke of Devonshire, had been killed at the battle of Marston, whose bodies are still unrecovered.

A Melbourne doctor has discovered a successful treatment of a case of anthrax in man, and this is said to be the first time that the disease has been cured in human being. The patient was a pastor who ran a needle into his hand while lathering sheep for anthrax. Within four days all the symptoms of the disease supervened, and the doctor extracted the anthrax bacilli from the man's hand.

The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, who are the members of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, have decided to hold a series of lectures to meet and know more of the other, the London district has this year inaugurated a series of lectures in place of a formal members' dinner. The reception at the Galleries of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, was attended by Mr. Alexander Paul, district chairman, and largely attended. The reception was followed by an excellent musical entertainment.

A West Indian millionaire gave Mr. Cooper, the distinguished surgeon, his fee. He had undergone successfully a surgical operation, and paid the price of £1,000 and £2,000 for the operation. He cried the grateful old man, up in bed and addressing Cooper, "something better than there, air, take it was his nightcap, which he sung surprised surgeons." "Sir," answered "I'll pocket the affront," and on

home is found in the cap a draft for 7 guineas.

Mrs. Glandorf Thomas, a Welsh actress at Bangor, has just received a letter from London, dated brief notice.

Sergeant Rogers, of the Carabiniers, at York has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

The world puts on its victuals every 40,000 worth of black pepper.

The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society has received a gift of £200 Memorial Bells from the "Herald" Bells.

The Bishop of California opened at Loma a new cottage hospital, given to him by Miss Hogg in memory of her sister.

Monte Carlo continues very full, and it is an unusual number of fashionable people there just now.

Mr. Bodall, M.P., has been elected a member of the House of Commons Select Committee on the Patriotic Fund.

The longest, largest, and strongest bone of the human system is the femur, or the bone.

The steamer Menante, which has arrived at Baltimore, reports having captured a berg at Hudson's Strait, 64 degrees longitude 45 degrees W.

The body of G. G. Fraser, artist, who committed on Feb. 15, has been found on the Ohio, near St. Ives, Hunts. He was identified by his skates.

Cast-steel billiard balls are in vogue in Sweden. They are made hollow, so that they are about the same as that of the billiard balls.

It is understood that the Queen's birthday will this year be observed officially on 8th day, May 23, the day after the exact anniversary of Her Majesty's birth in 1819.

The Lord-lieutenant of Ireland, on May 22, has received a letter from the Commissioner of National Education in Ireland, from Mr. J. E. Sheridan, resigned.

An embankment near the Cornhill Bridge, on the Pembroke and Tenby railway, fell, with the result that the traffic on the line had to be temporarily suspended.

Only four West Riding cattle on May 22, reported to be ill, all the animals dead, and all were compulsorily slaughtered. There were six Lancashire and two Cheshire in the same period.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has accepted the invitation of the Lord Mayor of London to dine at the Mansion House on May 22. The annual banquet to the bankers and the Chamber of London is given.

The late Alderman W. Bindloss, Mayor of Kendal, has bequeathed £20,000 for the rental and improvement of the Kendal supply, and has made a number of other important bequests to the corporation.

The last received report of the Lord of the Court in the three months have been published, and represent a sum of £5,693, as against £5,051 in the corresponding period last year.

Dr. Elisseev, who accompanied the Russian mission to Abyssinia, has returned to St. Petersburg, taking with him a month's old cub as a present from the mission to the Czar.

Prof. Beyer, the biographer of the Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was on a visit to Nice, was at Cimiez the day, when he received the cordial thanks of Queen Victoria for his book.

During the 27 weeks ended April 22, 1896, the London Labour Office, at 8, Labour Exchange, Irwell-street, from wanting employment. Employment found either by the Salford Corporation or private persons for 313.

At Messrs. Foster and Cranfield's sale of reverberatory, rollers, and rollers, the £10,000 was realized for the first time. The total of the goods were sold which raised the total to up of £16,000.

At the bull-fight at Nimes, which was witnessed by 15,000 persons, no horses were embowed or killed, as the precaution been taken of protecting their flanks with a thick coat of iron plates, the horns of which were unable to penetrate.

The steamer Alai, which arrived at Lagen from Liban, brought the remains of Sir Kirkpatrick, chaplain of the Irish Rik's Mission at that port, who committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

Major Willard announces that Dr. L. W. chartering a ship to bring over the "Ribbon Women" of America, and that is expected that as many as 250 pupils around London will be occupied by the same women.

News comes from Fiji to the effect that the hurricane which recently passed over islands has not proved so destructive at first feared. Owing to the width of the storm area being very limited, several of the group were untouched.

A Portsmouth telegram says that orders have been issued directing the Commander-in-Chief to have the ships to be sent, when the ships will return to the specific ports to be docked. The crews will be granted 10 days' leave.

Mr. A. S. Cope, portrait painter, has been commissioned by the Emperor of China to paint a full-length portrait of his present Emperor, the Emperor of the Qing, to be painted in his uniform as the Scots Greys.

Reports of the New South Wales crop are very unsatisfactory, and it is stated that, instead of 10 months' cotton being furnished by the harvest, it will have to be resorted to at a much earlier period than was at first expected.

In a new comedy one man challenges another, and, finding that his challenge is accepted, calls him a coward.

"I really confess it," says the coward, "and if you had not known the piece, 'You would never have challenged me.'"

The Austro-Bavarian Government recently entered into a contract with Yarrow and Co., of Poplar, to convert a first-class torpedo-boat of the very type. The dimensions are 148ft. in length, 17ft. in beam, and 10ft. in draught. The Yarrow torpedo-tube type.

A full-grown badger has been captured at Washington, Lincoln, by a volunteer as porter at the railway station, seems the lad threw half a brick at him, and having thus rendered it impossible to pick up, carried it to the station, where it was found to be a badger.

Maj. Count Guerciardi has ridden from Verona to Pavia, a distance of 112 miles in 14 hours, with a break at Cremona for an hour and a half to rest. He rode six or seven horses, changing every two hours, and arrived at Pavia at the end of the journey in excellent condition. All the way the pace was a trot.

T. Palmer and G. H. King, charged with conspiring to set fire to the shop of Hulme, have been committed for the stipendiary magistrate. An indictment has been effected upon the premises before the fire, the circumstances of which were so suspicious as to lead to a prosecution.

Once the late Field-marshal Sir Grant was fairly nonplussed, and when a reporter went up to him as arrived in the paucity of rank as at Windsor Station and asked him to give the final answer, he replied, "I have thought," "Sir, Grant. If I believe me, ask one of the porters."

One of the most precious sea loquacious was recently exhibited at the Exchange, Sydney. It was Capt. Cochrane of the cruise of his Majesty's Endeavour, and covers the period of 1828, 1868, to Oct. 23, 1870. The book

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Aluminum launches are to be tried
French Navy on a large scale.

Fruit as a restorative is receiving more
attention from medical men.

In Labrador there are 1,329 Esquimaux
Christians.

The world's mines from 1850 to 1896
there were coined \$1,194 tons of gold and
tons of silver.

The American board of foreign mission-
aries has 2,000 labourers and 837 missionaries
among 100,000,000 people.

The President Cleveland is said to be ar-
ranging a program for a trip around the
world at the end of his presidential term.

The consumption of iron per head in
four times as great in Great Britain as in
France.

A cow in Norway recently killed, had
stomach a big piece of butcher's bone
wedge driven into it.

The condor is the largest bird in ex-
istence. Some of those shot in the Andes had a
wing of 18 or 20 feet.

Powdered glass is now used to make
paper. The glass is pulverized by hand
red-hot and throwing it into water.

In the middle of the century there were
three bones, respectively named the stirrup
bone, the mallet, and the spur.

The "complexion brush" is the greatest
dilemma to the toilet. It is said to give
healthy glow to the face and clear
wrinkles.

Laura Ward, 11, residing at A
street, fell in the fire, and was badly
about the face, arms, and body. She
admitted to Westminster Hospital.

A new fuel made in France is of com-
pressed into briquettes and soaked
chemicals which make it last a long time
long when once alight.

The London Convention Lady H. S.
attended 115 meetings and 27 con-
ferences, travelled over 8,000 miles and spoke
countries to about 20,000 people.

At Liverpool F.R. Edmondson was se-
nt for four months' imprisonment for
stealing £10, the moneys of the N.W. Educa-
tion Board, from Benthams-street, where
he had been acting as a manager.

Former made up in the form of tiles
being tried by the French War Office.
bricks are made of hay, oats, and
cakes as hard as a board, and can be
used easily.

The young King of Spain has been
taught by the military academy
and killed golden blade, inlaid with
the hilt studded with gems. He is
his ninth year.

In future no man under 5ft. 4in. will
be admitted into the British infantry unit
under 20, in which case 5ft. 8in. will
be the minimum chest measurement.

Gold is rapidly displacing sugar
chief staple of British Guiana. Ex-
ports in 1894 the production has
risen to 138,000 ounces. It is obtained
chiefly by placer mining.

Messrs. Trevor and Son offered for
sale a plot of land in the district of
Brentford, 11 miles from London. After
sharp competition, the land was
barely measured an acre and a half,
£206, or just £140 per acre.

It is believed that ants really test
the matter, a scientist killed two
eye-witnesses of the murder handkerchief
and laid their heads together with
the result being that the latter
immediately turned back and fled.

In the charge of the Light Brigade
killed 673 officers and men took part
were 130 killed, 134 wounded, and
sons. Only 193 rode back, the re-
maining being dispersed, some of 67
473 being killed and 432 wounded.

Archdeacon Farrar, who has been
the Holy Land since writing his
"Christ," hopes to join a cruise on the
ship St. Sunniva, which is being
by Mr. W. Perowne for the close of
to visit Palestine, Egypt, Athens,
Smyrna, and Constantinople.

The Home Office has ordered the
number Steam Trawling Co.
was on the 20th March seized by
gunboat and taken to Frederikshavn
charge of fishing in territorial waters
tion of the gear was confiscated,
skipper fined £7.

During the past week 11 steamers
live stock meat at Liverpool.
American and Canadian ports, but
total supply of 2,981 cattle, 4,474 sheep,
14,787 quarters of beef, which,
with the arrivals of the previous
week, increased 133 cattle, 5,268 sheep,
2,953 quarters of beef.

Mr. A. J. Gault has taken to
Oxford on Tuesday afternoon he spent
on safety, riding up and down Carleton
terrace, which was tolerably quiet
managed the machine very well. Mr.
Douglas discovered him at this mo-
ment, and congratulated the Col-
leader on his skill.

In the Queen's Bench, Mr. T. C.
editor of "Fair Play," was fined
costs for contempt of court in refusing
to answer questions put to him by the
Americans, brought by Mr. W. H. H.
Marine Insurance Company in respect
destruction by fire at Southwick of
Mohican.

Mary Jane Ramsbottom, 41,
woman, of Blackburn, was found
husband, floating in the canal. She
been in deep spirits, and her friends
said she was in a state in her fol-
lows:—"Dear husband, you will find
the bridge. Be kind to mother."
never be right again."

A telegraph lineman named P.
Grantham, met with a shocking ac-
cident on the G.N. Railway at Hatfield.
Pearson was superintending the
men engaged in pulling the main line
caught by an express train from King
and killed instantly, his body being
mangled.

At Birkenhead, Capt. Harland, of
don steamer Aldergate, which lay
in the Mersey from Buenos Ayres,
£22 for neglecting to slaughter the
order from from limbo on the
The evidence showed that one
seven ribs smashed, and a leg a
other large bones broken. When at
the boat was a mass of corruption
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Mr. W. Henderson, the last sur-
vivor of four brothers who started the
Company, has recently died at
order from from Clyde shipyard
of D. and W. Henderson, and bu-
Anchor Line steamers. The com-
built the yacht Britannia, and the
present engaged in constructing a
Lord Dunraven to compete for the
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On March 4, 1935, his wife being alive. On Monday prisoner was charged at the court with stealing a bag of cocoa, the property of his employers, but the court found him over under the act of the Offender. Act in one month.—Mr. Samuel Prior, whose daughter, Clarabelle Phoebe, the prisoner had married on March 24, 1935, became surety for him. After leaving the court, Prior discovered he was already married when he went through the ceremony of marriage with Clarabelle Prior, and that his wife was still living. Mr. Prior took the prisoner to the Inspector-lane Police Station, and was the Inspector on duty there. He was informed that the prisoner had committed bigamy. Prisoner said that that was quite true. Prisoner was married to his wife on Aug. 19, 1938. In the course of the conversation at the police station Huson said he had recommended his wife marry a man some twenty years her senior, and sometimes 12. Committed for trial.

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